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Government Press

Alleged dismissal of employees in the Government Press for trivial faults.

* 237 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Superintendent of the Government Press has made a statement to Government that fines are enforced when such cases justify, such as spoiling work, delay, loss of manuscripts, making a disturbance in the department, cheating, bad conduct, etc. ; and

(*b*) whether, on the other hand, he has been summarily dismissing from service poor employees for trivial or no fault and, if so, why ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no reason to suppose that men have been dismissed without cause.

Alleged dismissal of Purushottaman in the Government Press for irregular attendance.

* 238 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Kuppu Rao and Ramachandran, readers in the Government Press, were served with one month's notice for irregular attendance ;

(*b*) whether their notices were cancelled later on and they were retained in service ;

(*c*) whether the services of a temporary reader, one Purushottaman, were on the other hand dispensed with for similar reasons, viz., irregular attendance ; and

(*d*) if so, for what particular reasons ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No, only Kuppu Rao was given notice. The notice was subsequently cancelled and his services were re-engaged.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) His attendance continued to be irregular.

Sale of unserviceable machines in the Government Press.

* 239 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Superintendent, Government Press, sold some of the unserviceable machines in the Government Press to particular individuals instead of by auction ; and

(*b*) if so, how many were thus sold and for what price since Mr. Gilbert became Superintendent and why ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Thirteen machines were sold for a sum of Rs. 6,557.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, why these unserviceable machines were sold to particular individuals instead of being auctioned publicly ? "